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## Awards To Be Made August 9th For Education Fund

The Greater New Haven Black Social-Civi Clubs Higher Education Fund will aid some forty high school and college students in further their education, this year. The fund was able to raise some $11,000 in scholarship monies thanks to the efforts of a few people and eight groups.

Presentation of the awards will be made on Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 PM at the Saint Luke's Church's Parish Hall. At that time, the names of the recipients will be made known. The groups that will be presenting awards at that time include: New Haven's Black Coalition, the Bronzettes, the Knights of Ebony, Inc., the New Jewels, the Urban League, Project Seek Out of the Urban League, Saint Luke's Vestry, and the Young Adult Group of the Business & Professional Women's Club.

Even though the Fund touched some forty odd youngsters, there are still some funds available. A student can be awarded aid if he fills an application at the Urban League's Field Office. 140 Goffe Street, New Haven.

DIANE VERONICA TAYLOR

MISS BLACK CONNECTICUT

## City Beauty Named Miss Black Connecticut

Miss Diane Veronica Taylor, Miss Black New Haven 1970, won the Miss Black Connecticut Beauty Pagent with a stunnig array of beauty, talent and poise among a strong field of competitors on Sunday at the Hilton Hotel in Hartford.

Crowned by the past year's Miss Black Connecticut, Delores Brown of Hartford, Miss Taylor will wear her crown until her predecessor is named next summer. She is also entitled to compete in the Miss Black America Beauty Pagent next month in New York City.

Each contestant was judged on beauty and poise in swim and evening attire, and on talent--either in recital, song or dance. Miss Taylor's presentation was the recital of "Eligy for a Caddy" by Walter DeLegall.

Another local contestant, Miss Black Hamden, Carol Moore, fared extremel y well in the competition. Though she won on awards, Miss Moore was an attribute to the Greater New Haven area in every aspect of the pagent. She manifested all the qualities that are expected of the winner, and could have been the winner herself in such a talented and attractive group.

The New Haven Beauty was selected ahead of a very attractive Bridgeport contestant Demitra Willis and an extremely talented entrant from New Caanan, May Field. Nonetheless, Miss Taylor was awarded the highest acclaim in three categories, attractiveness, poise, and figure. The second runner-up, May Field shared the talent award with Miss Black Windsor, Julia Holmes. Miss Black Danbury, Diane Moffatt, was the recipient of the congeniality award.

Miss Taylor, who looks ahead to modeling, is a rising junior at Southern Connecticut State College. Though not a native New Havener, Miss Taylor has lived with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, at 375 Sherman Avenue for the past three years.

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## 18 High Schoolers Shont About Housing Violations In New Haven

By Ron Wesley

In a press conference on July 13, eighteen high school students between the ages of fourteen and sisteen called upon the City of New Haven to make a concentrated effort to correct the rampant housing violations in the Hill and in the city-at-Large. The press conference was conducted at the Urban Institute after the students had spent over two weeks in the community seeing the violations themselves.

The students stressed the need and the importance of all city agency connectrd with housing to join forces to combat these social ills. The different agencies cited were DNI, the Housing Court, the Health Department, the Redevelopment Agency, Legal Assistance, and the Office of the Major.

Citing such problems as roaches, peeling paint, lead poisonling, falling ceilings, and overcrowdedness, the group expects the city agencies to make their own investigations of the area. It is the hope of the group that the exposure of these violations would force the city to make the necessary steps toward corrections.

The co-spokesmen of the group, Roscoe Gilliam and Kurt Sturdivant, explained that the violations would be turned over to Bob Egan, at DNI. He, in turn, is to have the said houses inspected and the violations corrected. The students will return to the houses in the near future. To see to what extent the city has done its job.

The far reaching implication of the housing conditions in the Black Community are a relevant consideration. Inadequate, indecent housing are the result of the lack of commitment within the services agencies to dent in a co-ordinated manner honestly with the problem. It has been said that there are none so blind than those who will not see. These eighteen students ought to be commended for seeing that which many in the city would rather remain blind to.

## Gomes Requests Inquiry Into Coliseum Costs

Alderman Leroy Gomes (D-19), has called for a special commission to be set up to investigate the current costs of the New Haven Colliseum and to establish a breakdown for the $3.5 million in additional funds recently requested by the Colliseum Authority.

"I am in agreement with the concern voiced by Mr. David Jamison of Communtiy Housing Inc. and by the editorial appearing in the Sunday (July 12) Register for the recent request for additional funds made by the Colliseum Authority." Gomes stated.

"While I appreciate the need for expanding New Haven's tax base by establishing such 'an element of economic productivity', as the Register put it, I am also concerned with how the $19.5 million already allocated is being used and why an additional $3.5 million was requested."

Gomes noted that a commission should be set up by the Board of Aldermen that would be enpowered to determine "if the original project or whether it would cover the cost of a genuine addition to the original colliseum plan, in which case it would be nessary to determine if such an addition is really necessary to determine if such an addition is really necessary at this time."

Given the fiscal crisis in which the city administration and the Board of Aldermen to act cautiously ly in allocating further funds to what is already a questionable and risky enterprise," Gomes said. "Furthermore, it is necessary to find out now if the $19.5 million allocated already will in fact be sufficient for completing the Colliseum or whether we can expect additional requests such as this simply to cover the costs of the Colliseum itself."

Gomes added that "if the actual costs of the Colliseum continue to grow, the project may end in the red, bringing New Haven not an enlarged tax base but bankruptcy."

## Gomes Criticizes Marcus On Wait

A New Haven alderman has criticized State Senator Edward Marcus "for believing that he can wait until the night of August 19, after his statewide U.S. Senate primary, to decide whether he will be a candidate for State Senator at the nominating convention on the next day, August 20."

Accusing Marcus of "taking the residents of the eleventh state senatorial district for granted," Leroy Gomes (D-19) declared: "I call upon Senator Marcus to do the fair thing and make it clear that he is a candidate for only one office this year and that is U. S. Senator."

Gomes continued: "This attitude is nothing new for Mr. Marcus. In recent sessions of the General Assembly, he was obviously much more concerned about building his own statewide political organization than about serving the people of his district. Now he has carried this selfish attitude one step further by running for two offices at once."

## White Calls For More Counseling

Ward White, Democratic candidate for state Representative from the 112th District, has called for an increase in counseling in New Haven's public high schools.

"In today's complex world," White stated, "it is becoming more and more important for a young person to continue his education beyond the high school level--both vocationally and academically. Therefore, as a State Representative, I would work for increased governmental funding of more academic and career counseling in our high schools.

"A good elementary education," White continued, "insures a better high school experience. And a post-high school education insures a better life for a citizen. But to be adequately prepared, a high school student often needs a counselor's advice on how best to prepare for and adjust to a new learning experience.

"I am convinced," White concluded, "that more funding of high school counseling service would benefit the students of New Haven's high schools and the whole community."

White is a Yale Law student, is married, and lives on Goffe Terrace.

# Two Boys To Win Bikes In Contest

The Crow will award two bikes to the two youngsters that solicit the most subscriptions to the Crow Newspaper during the months of August, September, and October. The contest will close at 5:00 PM on November 10th. It begins on August 10th.

The contest is open to any youngster in the New Haven area between the ages of 9 to 13. Each youngster must fill out an entry blank at the Crow's Office before August 9th. The office is located at 138 Goffe Street, New Haven.

During this special subscription drive, the Crow is offering each new subscriber the Crow for the remainder of the year at $2.65.

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Mrs. Betty McIver, employed by the Southern New England Telephone Company for 22 years, was recently appointed "Acting Supervisor" at the Center St. Phone Store in West Haven. Shown here "doing her thing", Mrs. McIver hopes for a continuation of training programs designed to aid Blacks and other minority groups secure jobs with SNETCO. Her personal ambition is to become a full-time supervisor and pass her experience on to others.

# Gaceta Hispana Hits New Haven's Streets

A Spanish newspaper, Gaceta Hispana (Spanish Gazette), began publication on July 15, it was announced recently by Paul Capra, Director of the New Haven Neighborhood Action Program of Connecticut Action New, Inc.

Capra, along woth Christopher Larsen, publisher of the West Hartford News and the Wetherfield Post, were instrumental in starting the publication and have guaranteed the editor and publisher of the Gaceta, Raul Delgado and Marcos Ocasio, six pages of advertising for each of the next twelve editions of the bi-monthly paper.

The first edition of the paper, which is headquartered at 649 Howard Street, carried eight pages and it is expected that the standard edition will have sixteen pages per copy.

Capra said that the newspaer, sold on news stands with a circulation of 4,000, is aimed at the 5,000 Spanish-speaking families that currently live in New Haven.

"We believe that this publication is vital to New Haven because there is presently no written medium reaching the Spanish-speaking people of the city," Capra said.

The Neighborhood Action Program is a community based action organization that is intended to assist the residents of New Haven in getting immediate help for their problems and comlaints. Neighborhood Action Program is sponsored by Connecticut Action Now, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan statewide organization committed to the involvement of citizens in social and environmental change.

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GEORGE WHITE
O.E.O. Representative

# White To Maintain Equal Opportunity

George White of Medford, Mass. has been appointed to the position of Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Representative in the Boston Region U.S. Civil Service Commission, which covers the six New England states.

White attended New York University, Florida State University and hold a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern University. He is active in a number of organizations including Boys' Clubs of America, Boy Scouts of America, Little Leagues, PTA, American Legion, and NAACP and he serves with a consultant group, representing the Methodist Church. This group is dedicated to combating racism in local areas of New England.

As Regional EEO Representative, White will guide and assist Federal field managers in applying President Nixon's policies on equal employment in the Federal service. More specifically, he will serve as the principal resource person in providing leadership and guidance for the Government's internal equal opportunity program.

White will maintain close liaison with minority group organizations and organizations working with all disadvantaged groups, to ensure that federal job opportunities are made known to all segments of our population.

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# Testing Program Launched To Detect Lead Poisoning

Neighborhood corporations are sponsoring a Health Department blood lead testing problem, to be held each Saturday throughout the summer in a differnt neighborhood. Teenagers working for the corporations will canvass in areas of bad housing, telling parents about the program.

Parents who would like their young children to have this free test need only sign a permission slip authorizing the taking of a blood sample. On the Saturday of the testing, children will be picked up and escorted to the center for the test, and then taken home agin. The samples will be analyzed at the State Health Department Laboratory to determine the level of lead in the blood.

The first session was held in Fair Haven on the 11th of July, at the Fair Haven Parents Ministry and the Market Street Day Care Center. Dr. Frederick Anderson and Dr. Stephen Webb, who volunteered their services for the program, collected 126 blood samples. They were assisted by volunteers from the Fair Haven Neighborhood Corporation, the Junta For Progressive Action, the Fair Haven Parents Ministry, and the Volunteer Service Bureau, as well as by members of the Health Department staff.

The remaining sessions will be in the following areas:

July 18 - Fair Haven - (Quinnipiac Terrace and Farnam Courts)
July 25 - Wooster Square
Aug. 1 - Dixwell
Aug. 8 - Newhallville
Aug. 15 - Dwight
Aug. 22 - West Rock
Aug. 29 - Hill

Any parent who would like more information about the location and times of testing can call 562-0151, Ext. 320 or 1316.

Norm Osborne of the Fair Haven Neighborhood Corp. talks with one of the many youngsters who was tested for lead paint poisoning by the New Haven Health Dept. in a unique program of neighborhood testing.

# CDAP Group To Inform And Improve West Haven

Throughout the past year, there has been an active group of twelve citizens, three black and nine white, trying to change and improve the life patterns in the city of West Haven. This concerned group is known as the CDAP Advisory Committee.

It is the aim and intent of the Advisory Committee to thoroughly inform and completely involve, any and all persons or groups who wish to join in the task of re-forming and re-aligning their city along new and more progressive directions through the Community Development Action Plan (CDAP).

The Community Development Action Plan program was instituted in the State of Connecticut through Public Act 522, which was passed during the legislative session of 1967. The reason for its enactment was the evident poor exiting conditions of urban areas throughout the State.

The plan itself is designed to correct present poor community conditions, and to control those which may occur in the future.

The plan deals with twelve major categories: 1. Education, 2. Health, 3. Housing, 4. Public Safety, 5. Economic development, 6. Public Utilities and Services, 7. Recreation, 8. Culture, 9. Interpersonal Communications, 10. Transportation and Circulation, 11. Social Services, and 12. General Municipal Government.

These items are studied by a professional consulting firm and turned over to the CDAP Advisory Committee for further study and review. It is through this study and rewiew process that effective suggestions are derived in the future development of West Haven.

The CDAP Advidory Committee of West Haven is made up of independent citizens who are concerned with their city's progress. There are currently twelve CDAP Advisors with each having an alternate. They represent equally the following organizations: The Chamber of Commerce, The Citizens Action Committee, The Concerned Black Parents, and the Community Services Association.

These people are currently striving to mold West Haven's future endeavors and attempt in doing so to create a better place to work and live.


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# Group Planning Tourney December 21 And 22

The Dixwell Community House is currently in the planning stages of implementing an annual basketball festival, which include the three city high schools on December 21 and 22.

Co-chairmen for the planned event are Frank Williams, the former Hillhouse and Providence College football and basketball star and recent inductee into the Softball Hall of Fame after an illustrious career with the Raybestos Cardinals of Stratford, and Anthony (Toolie) Gomez, former Hillhouse and Quinnipiac basketball star.

The "Q" House Invitational Basketball Festival comes at a time when many people have probably forgotten that it was the Dixwell Community House where most of the new famous and former basketball stars in New Haven cut their eyeteeth. It was the "Q" House which furnished many of the outstanding players for the Hillhouse Academics basketball teams during the forties and fifties and, of course, the fablous sixties.

Other members of the committer are: Mrs. Corita Jones, chairman of Housing and Accomodations; Ben Hunter, Entertainment: John Daniels, Physical Arrangemnets; Robert Greenlee, Public Relations, and Anthony Gomez, Finance. Others who have offered their services to the committee are: Tom Holloman, Ted Hogan, Lubbie Harper, James Courtney, Harry Bosley, Mrs. Phyllis White, Jim Hill, Maurice Sykes, Mel Esdaile, Mrs. Katrina Mullings, George Harris, and Mrs. C. Williams.

Although the event is in the early planning stages, many more people from the New Haven community are needed to aid in this venture.

**GIVE...**

# Mrs. Moorer Named V.P. Of Board

The Board of Commissioners of the New Haven Housing Authority has named Mrs. John Moorer as the new Vive Chairman of the Housing Authority. Mrs. Moorer is one of two public housing tenants named by former Major Richard Lee in 1968 to serve as a Commissioner.

fill an unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Father Timothy Meehan, former Chairman of the Authority's Board of Commissioners. She will succeed Albert Rogers who resigned as Vice Chairman on June 30th to accept a position in Tenant Services for the Authority, leaving an additional vacancy on the Board.

Miss Angela Highsmith shows some of the many authentic items in the Afro Swap Shop on Dixwell Ave. The new store, opened recently, carries handmade dashikis, along with several decorative statutes, wall designs and jewelry.


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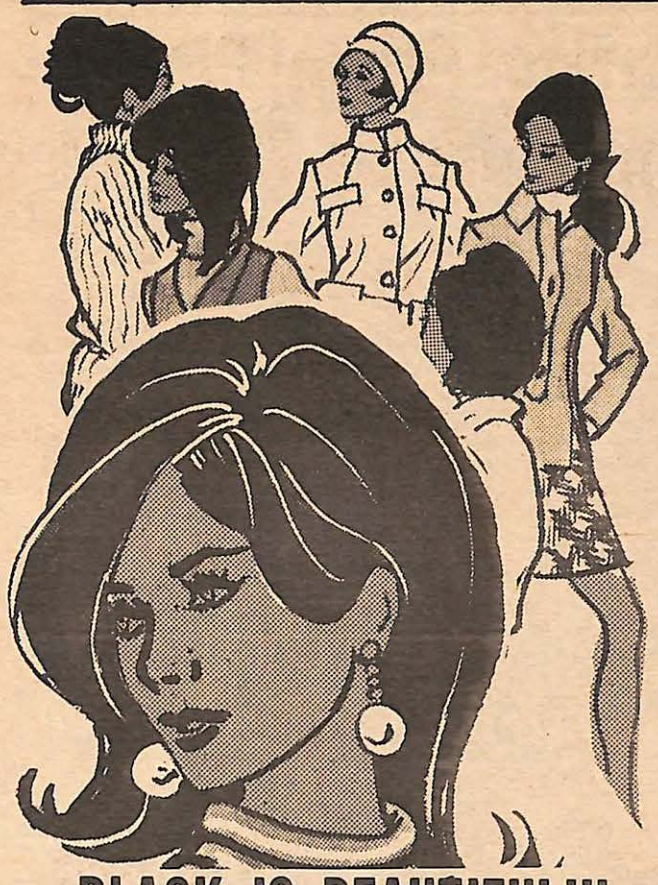

# BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL!!!

## An Editorial

So, Black is beautiful and black women are proving it more and more each day. On Sunday in Hartford, a local lass took the state title, Miss Black Connecticut. She says that she never expected to make it this far.

Miss Diane Taylor is a person in whom all New Haven should take pride. She is beautiful, poised and becoming educated. She is definitely a credit to the entire state over which she shall reign during the coming year.

We salute Miss Taylor for her glowing accomplishment and wish her the best of luck in the coming competition for the national title to be held next month in Madison Square Garden in New York city. We also extend a special salute to all black women for the very vital roles they are playing in the preservation of our culture.

# LETTER

Dear Editor,

In Light of the recent h - rassment and trumped up charges and bust of members of the Black Panther Party and communtiy workers functioning with the Black Panther Party and people working with the Panther Defense Committee, it is obvious that the New Haven Police, with State's Attorney Markle and others, are out to destroy and try to stop the functioning of the Black Panther Party Chapter here, as well as the Defense Committee and the community workers and others who are working in behalf of us political prisoners' Legal Defense, especially in the area of raising funds and public support.

Black Revolutionaries and others cannot get a fair trial in this country. So it is obvious that we who legally have weapons in our homes have to defend ourselves against unjust attacks.

It will be best that the police prove by their practice that they are not Fascist which is hard to do. If they have a warrant for anyone's arrest, they should contact our lawyers and that person will surrender himself.

But, excessive police force, excessive guns, machine guns, police breaking into our homes, and breaking down our doors will not be tolerated because they'll be acting in a manner other than law enforcement officers. They'll be acting in the manner of Gestapo, which is totally illegal in this country, yet it is rampant in America.

The attempt that they are making to railroad Black Panther Party members through racist court systems is not inseparable from harassment, arrest, shooting, and gunning down of party members and others who work with the Black Panther Party Defense and Political Prisoners' Defense.

If the police acts in a manner other than contacting our Lawyers when they have a search warrant for specific things or specific things or specific persons, If they want to break down our doors, we have but one alternative. We will stop them at our doors with our weapons that we have for our self-defense.

In light of all the unjust murderous activity that the state police and local police have been commiting against citizens and people throughout the state of Connecticut, it is obvious that they intend to go vious that they intend to escalate. They intend to go futher than just mere arrests, they intend to begin to kill and murder Black Panther Party members.

The experience of the Black Panther Party is that we have to defend ourselves by Executive Mandate No. 3 issued by the minist of Defense, Huey P. Newton. We can only defend our homes, if the Gestapo Forces of Markle and the State Police and others do not adhere to some correct legal law procedures by contacting our lawyers. Our policy is that if there is a warranr for arrest, we will allow the search with our lawyer present.' it is very easy for them to contact the lawyer and in turn one of the officers down to arrest the person or the lawyer will surrender the person.

The kicking down and breaking of our doors will not be tolerated because that is an intolerable situation. It is a total violation of people's constitutional right, and we have no other alternative but to defend ourseleves and our very lives because our lives are a constitutional right, the right to live.

These phoney excuses and warrants that are being used by the state's attorney, the state police and other are only means by which they intend to kill and murder and try to stifle the legal defense of us political prisoners, sister Ericka, Lonnie, Rory, Peggy, Rose, Myself, Landon, and George Edwards. The fact that sistor Frances Carter has been released legally shows the attitude of the fact that sister attitude of the State Police, Markle, and others to be negatively fascist against law and they do not respect law because they do not respect people's rights.

They are acting in the manner of pigs so, we warn the public and we warn the pigs that your negative actions of serving phoney warrants and busting down people's doord without any hassle, this negative action on the part of the pig police froces can only cause shoot-outs because we will defend ourselves, our homes, and our offices, when you bust in our doors at 3 and 4 in the moring.

Busting in our doors is a means to destroy snd intimidate timidate those working and helping the Black Panther Party and Political Prisoners' Legal Defense.

All Power To The People.
Bobby Seale, Chairman, Black Panther Party.

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# THE PEOPLE SPEAK

## Baseball Season: Any Predictions?

Edith Spreill
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"I think the Mets will probably win the series due to their tremendous pitching staff."

Richard Mc Gowan
406 Huntington Street
"I think the Mets have a real nice team and they should take it again this year."

Will Daniels Jr.
19 Vernon Street
"I'll take the American League because of the Mets and a few other great teams. As for baseball today, the Mets is the team. They are a young team and now they are together."

Brenda K. Pless
591 Winchester Ave.
"The Mets are ready and I'm sure they will win this year."

# SCOPE

by Monte Bailey

While perusing through old articles by such columnists as Jack Anderson and Drew Pearson, I discovered some shocking facts about U.S. Senators and Representatives and official Washington.

Dig --

Before the Sam Rayburn Building, there was a need for mor e office space for the House of Representatives. But the need for office space did not warrant this monstrosity of false grandeur. The Representatives did not need a vulgar building that cost 122 million dollars, complete with a nine and one half million dollar parking lot (capacity 1,220), cars), a 20 by 60 swimming pool, offices with private kitchens, a gym, a 700 seat cafeteria and a string of dining rooms.

For $750 a year, Congressmen can rent a new Lincoln Continental. Try getting that kind of deal from Avis.

Haircuts cost Congressmen $1.25. Until recently, it was $1.00. Would you believe there was a mild furor in Congress over the increase? I pay $2.75, but I don't make a national issue of it.

A Congressman can get all his medicine for practically nothing. If he gets sick, all he has to do is check in a military hospital and everything is free, except room and board. I wish Monte Jr. was delivered under these circumstances.

Stationery, telephone, telegraph and other "fat' allowances are given to Congressmen for office expenses. However, whatever is done with this money is their business.

Congressmen can literally park anywhere in Washington, d.c. with immunity. This immunity has spread to their families, staffs and friends.

Aside from these petty privileges of rank that almost everyone silently condones, there are more serious wrongdoings that go unchallenged,

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# Voting Prime Concern For Summer-70 Project

Connecticut Summer - 70 is a new statewide organization. The group's goal is to coordinate college and high school students throughout Connecticut in a massive effort at voter registration and voter education for blacks, Puerto Ricans, and poor whites.

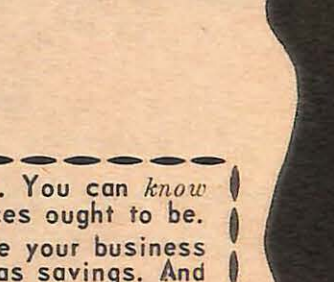
Tom Picton, Alex Flowers, Dan Lucid and Dori Weisenerger are acting as co-chairman of the project.

The students in Connecticut Summer - 70 feel that the present efforts at education for peace and social justice are either limit to the campus or channelled solely to affluent middle class whites. They believe that the movement must be spread to those who are hit hardest by the Vietnam war and by social injustice - the poor, whether they are black, Puerto Rican, or white. America's poor cannot obtain political power until they register to vote in the Democratic Party and exercise their right to vote in favor of peace and reform candidates.

Connecticut Summer - 70 is a sequel to Mississippi Summer - 63, when students mounted an intensive drive to increase black voter registration and education in the South. Now, however , the effort at political emancipation must be aimed at Connecticut's cities where there has been a persistent failure to involve blacks in the electoral process in a meaningful way.

Connecticut Summer - 70 seeks to reactivate the broad student participation in politics of the Kennedy and McCarthy Presidential Campains in the effort to win political power for America's poor.

The organizers of Connecticut Summer - 70, working in conjunction with the New Haven Democratic Alliance, urge students throughout Connecticut to join with them in bringing the peace movement and the drive for social justice to the state's blacks, Puerto Ricans, and poor whites.




# MOVIE REVIEW

By Herbie Simba

"COTTON COMES TO HARLEM"

This movie hits a real high point in contemptorary black humor and drama. I think that basically one thing came roaring across the screen with the passion of a faithful lover--and that is that Chubby Johnson (Raymond St. Jacques) and Godfrey Cambridge are a hell-of-a-pair. They play the movie with such feeling and depth that it's really hard to understand why they haven't hooked up before this.

This flick is about Harlem, some cotton (in Harlem) and $87,000 of black people's money.

Now, where St. Jacques and Cambridge come in is on the police department, no less, but they're not like it is. They play it like it should be.

And that says a lot for our brothers on the force. If our brothers could further the slight concern they're showing now we would be in a lot better position to deal with our problems. To me, that was the entire point of this movie. No one anywhere knows the importance of having a police force that actually protects the interest of the people in the community any better than us because we have never experienced that kind of relationship.

That is why I believe Raymond St. Jacques and Godfrey Cambridge should be applauded not just for a superb acting performance, but for the kind of film they offer us.

Brothers and sisters, look they tear down jive black institution that should have come down a long time ago. They talk about leaders like Malcolm and Garvey, two men who's names never appear in "top notch" movies in any kind of positive way. In this flick, they are not only positive, they are standards of performance which black people want met before they will follow.

I think further that our communitits should jointly purchase the film and use it as a black cop training film. It's that good.

Some other aspects of the film were things like most of the technical work done on the film was done by blacks and for a change a lot of the big bucks they're making on it are falling in black people's hands.

Aside from Cambridge and St. Jacques's compelling performance, Calvin Lockhart, who plays the preacher deserves, a great hand. He's very, very good. I've never seen him in any other film so, for me, this is the first opportunity I've had to see his talent. It's so very fortunate

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THE WORLD OF SPORTS TODAY
BY BOB GREENLEE

Recently, I have been accused by a disgruntled high school student from one of the city's three high schools of only covering football and basketball on the high school level. And after going over back issues of the Crow, I found that student to more than correct.

However, during the coming school year, the Hot Box will become the sports column for all of the high school sports. We will endeavor to cover all sports with pictures of the outstanding players and stories about them. We will also broaden our Crow All City High School Teams to include football, basketball, and Baseball, with the hope of having a year end banquet at which all the players will be honored.

This summer, the Mayor's office has come into some unexpected funds to be used for recreation for youngsters in the 6-13 age group. The program will also include jobs for some fifty inner-city younsters in the 16 to 18 year old group as junior recreation leaders who will run programs for the younger at the various playgrounds and day camp centers in the city.

Many of the sports that these junior rec leaders will be teaching the youngsters include these less known sports such as volley ball, kick ball, paddle ball, clock golf, and miniature track designed especially for the 6 to 13 age group.

On the local Little League scene, both the Walter (Pop) Smith and the Martin Luther King All Stars were defeated recently in District IV Little League Tournament. Smith All Stars were beaten by a team from Branford, while the King League suffered a no-hitter at the hands of Milford.

The score of the well played Smith game was four to three. In the King League game, played at West Rock Park, only two hits were recorded in the game and both of them were by the Milford team. However, Milford scored their run in the top of the sixth inning when a player on the King League's team committed a throwing error and the next batter up hit a double sending the runner on first around the bases. The

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Left to right, Willie A. Holmes, Shepard Brock, Richard Smith, Reuben Taylor and John Giles pause at a recent dance. The men are officers of the Knickerbockers Golf Club here in New Haven. The group recently hosted the annual Winter Meeting of the United Golf Assoc. and is now completing plans for the 43rd Annual National Golf Championships at the Alling Memorial Course and the Orange Hill Country Club.

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throw to the plate was late and the runner scored.

The final score was Milford 1 and Martin Luther King 0. Only four runners reached first base in the game, three from the Milford team and one from the King team.

The newly formed Malcolm X Basketball League, which plays its games at the outdoor basketball court next to the old Lincoln on Shelton Ave. at Division St. heads into its third week of play. Teams in the League include the Rattlers who currently in first place, the Bears, the Rams, the Eagles, the Owls, the Aggies, and the Wildcats.

*Many of the players in the League are former stars from the three city high schools.* Some of the familiar names are Jim Brown, Ben Hunter, Dave Newton, Bill Blount, Charlie Crawford, Al Vaughn, and Walt Esdalle.

The courst was recently opened by the Vanguard Teen Center.

Sam Cannady, Sr. competed in what has been described as his last weight-lifting contest on Saturday, July 25. Sam has been a body building bug for quite a few years and has added many trophies and medals to his collection in various body building events.

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# Leagues Meeting In Benefit Game

The Martin Luther King Memorial Little League and the Walter (Pop) Smith Little League All Stars will meet in a benefit game on July 31st at 5:30 PM at the Smith League's field located in the Bowen Field complex.

Both the Smith and King Leagues were eliminated in District IV Little League play recently. Both teams lost close games in the District's opening round. The King League lost to Milford by a score of 1 to 0, while the Smith League lost to Branford by a score of 4 to 3.

# LETTERS

Dear Editor

As coordinator of the Homes for Children Project sponsored by the Connecticut Child Welfare Association, I will like to share with you these letters which were exchange between an 81 year old grandmother and 31 year old grandson who has adopted a child. As you read these nostalgic exchanges of love for family and concern for those less fortunate, I ask that you respond to the grandson's reasoning for Homes for Children.

Mary Ellen Talbot

Dear Maydean and Roosevelt:

I thought I would sit down and take my pen in hand and write these few lines to let you hear from me.

I am puzzling over the letter your Momma wrote me about your bringing a boy child into our family through some way called "adoption".

I asked Mr. Lee Petteway's son, Calvin, about this since we all set great store in his mother wit, and he said that it is a lawful way of taking a child into your lives, because you love him, want him, and realize that every child needs a family, a home, and that in order to show your faith in the future, we must care for our Colored children today.

Green never owed nobody nothing. And did you really pay money for a homeless child and then had to wait before that beautiful baby is yours? You could ease my mind, son, if you would answer these questions for me.

When I hear over my radio about the homeless children, the hungry children and about those who are "plowed under because they got lost in their early manhood, I can only be thankful that I have lived these eighty-one years to see my own flesh and blood become his brothers' keeper.

Your Loving Grandmother,
Minnie Rose Green

Dear Grandmother Minnie

Maydean and I were so pleased to have received your letter. We have read it more than once and realize how many times have changed for all of us.

Pamela and Debbie are now seven and nine years old and Maydean and I had been thinking for sometime about adding another child to our family. We have always wanted a boy by adopting.

Adoption, Grandmother, is a very beautiful way of preserving and perpatuating our Black Race. Maydean and I strongly feel through a well-adjusted family life we can work toward the emotional, physical and mental health of our Black Children. We can help them to be proud of their heritage, we can stimulate their motivation to learn, we can praise them, we can discipline them, we can help them to set a goal and encourge them never to stop until that goal is reached.

It is true, Grandmother, there are too many Black Children and Interacial children, as well as those children with special needs who need a hme -- parents. If every fifth Black Family would give a service to children through foster home adoption, there would not be this distressful need for homes for children today.

Adoption not only assures a child of having his own parents, but he also becomes eligible for all the benefits to which the natural child is entitled.

Yes, we did have interviews by own adoption agency's worker. Maydean and I did not find the questions too personel, we realized they were necessary in order to know us better. As for the owing of bills, we only had the notes on our car and there is always rent to pay as well as housekeeping expenses. We did not pay a fee for adopting our little son. There will be a waiting period however before he is legally ours.

We have named our son Roosevelt Martin Eldridge Green. We are all so happy that Martin is a part of our family. We are going to christen him next month so Maydean and I are going to send you and mother plane tickets to come and through the Eyes of God, welcome our son into the family for adoption is a family affair.

Your loving Grandson,

Harrison Roosevelt Green

Pop Smith Little League All Stars for 1970 pose for photographer Lorenzo Evans. They are front row (left to right) Allen Thompson, Harry Watley, Eddie Sheets, Wallace Sowell, Darren Gayle and Harry Bosley. In the rear are William Barnes (Manager), Richard Elm, Darren Douglas, Larry Tilman, Pat Parks, Kenneth Fisher, Johnnie Hare, Anthony Calloway, Charles Whitmire (Coach) and Mathia McBride (Pop Smith President).

## Coach's Corner
## by Sam Burrell Jr.

The University of Connecticut is making a concerted effort to recruit black athletes to the Storrs campus.

Recently, a group of former black athletes were called together to organize now what is called the "Committee of Twenty." The Committee of Twenty was started by three black men who are dedicated to the recruitment of black athletes. This group included Dr. Frederick G. Adams, assistant to the president of Uconn, James Harris a Uconn grad and Lou Rivers, Uconn's astute black assistant football coach on the Uconn campus. These three men felt that if Uconn was to get the black athlete they could use a little help.

The Committee of Twenty basically is made up of former black athletes from throughout the state.

Some of the local names on the committee are John Daniels, Ted Hogan, Joe Chandler, Bruce Morris and this writer.

Representing the Stratford-Bridgeport area are Frank Williams and Charlie Tisdale. Every metropolitan are in the state is like-wise represented.

The dinner meetings which are dutch-treat affairs are held throughout the state. The first was held in Hartford and the most recent meeting were Dr. Adams, Coach Rivers, Harris and Jim Lyons, Black Student Advisor and head of the Uconn Afro-American Culture Center. Jim, by the way, is a Hillhouse High grad.

Lyons pointed out that there were 47 black New Havens now attending Uconn. ((Dr. Buley and Southern Conn please take note). Rivers spoke on recruitment rules as designated by the Yankee Conference, the NCAA and the ECAC. Film highlights of the highlights of the 1969 football games were also shown. Harris gave a run down of the high school athletes that the various coaches at Uconn are interested in. In basketball, they include Larry Johnson, Hillhouse, Joe Moye and Cal Carrington, all of Lee High and Roland Jones of Cross. In football, the scouts have their eyes on Ken Worthy, Greg Griffin of Lee High School and Dan Lanthrop, along with Arthur Edwards of Hillhouse.

Head football coach and athletic director of Uconn, John Toner feels that by keeping high school athletes both black and white in the state, Uconn can grow to a major power in all sports. The biggest problem at Uconn in recent years has been the recruiting of talent from the state.

However, the Toner regime has done better in this respect in recent years. Toner and his staff are working under the postulate that in order to build a winner you must keep the high school talent from leaving the state.

With the Committee of Twenty helping the Uconn coaches to recruit, Uconn is hoping for some real banner years in the near future. The Committee will not be chasing down athletes and beating the bushes daily, but is simply a group of men trying to lend a helping hand. Although they may be keying in on athletes, they are also interested in the education of all young men and women in general who may not be athletically inclined.

## Rattlers Team Top New Ball League

The newly formed Malcolm X League is off and running. The League is composed of some of the former great high school and college basketball players from the New Haven area.

The seven team league plays on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Vanguard Teen Center on Shelton Ave. Presently the Rattlers are in first place with a 4-1 record. The Rattlers are captained by Jim Brown. Ben Hunter's Bears are in second place with a 3-1 record.

Other teams in the league are the Rams, captained by Walt Esdaile and the Eagles who have Dave Newton as their leader. Other teams and their captains are the Owls, William blunt, the Aggies, Bob Miller and the Wildcats have Charlie Crawford as their team captain.

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# Clowns To Meet Braves Here In August 7 Game At Quigley

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The Clowns carry with them a complete game and funshow guaranteed to touch off laughter galore. Showball, pantomine, rock 'n' roll... they might pull anything out of their baseball bag of tricks, and at a moment's notice.

the list of stars in the Clown's lineup sounds like a billing from Ringling Brothers Circus; Birmingham Sam; 31 inch midget Dero Austin; "Bobo" Small; "Ambidextrous" Morris, who pitches both right and left handed; and "Dizzy" Blondin, homerun hitter who runs the bases backward.

Topping off the comedy will be midget Dero Austin dancing the dance of dances with his championship partner.

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Midget Dero Austin seems to have a lot of confidence in his ability to swing the bat borrowed from one of his teammates. In fact, he'll probably get a hit with the outsized hunk of hardwood when he and the rest of the Indianapolis Clowns baseball team meet the New Haven Braves on Friday-August 7th in Quigley Stadium at 8:00 P.M.

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# Tournament Coming On August 16-21

The 24th annual Knickerbocker Golf Club Tournament was held Sunday, July 26 at the Alling Memorial Golf Course in New Haven.

Approximately 2220 professional and amateurs were expected to compete. Charles Owens, the long driving Pro from Winter Haven, Fla. was here to defend his title.

Alling Memorial will also be the site of the U.G.A. National Tournament on Aug. 16-21 which will be hosted by the Knickerbocker Golf Club.

For information, call Arthur Griffith, Tournament Chairman, 387-6393.

# Primaries Due Aug. 19, Take-Over Suggested

A federal agency should eventually take over the operation of most of the nation's passenger railroads and operate them in the public interest, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Joseph Duffey proposed recently.

As a first step toward such public operation, the Hartford Democrat said Congress should create a National Railroad Authority that would acquire exiting railroad rights-of-way and charge carriers tolls for their use of the rails.

Lines that face insurmountable financial difficulties, like the Penn Central, he said, would be encourged to turn over their unprofitable passenger service to the federal Authority, which would eventually assume a major role in operating passenger rail service throughout the country.

Duffey, national chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, is one of three Democratic candidates seeking the party's nomination for the Senate seat now held by Connecticut's Sen. Thomas Dodd. Dodd announced last month that he would not seek renomination as a Democrat, but has not ruled out an independent bid to retain his Senate seat.

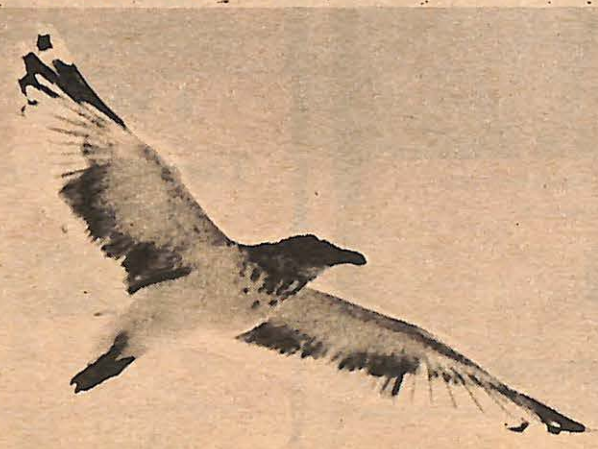
"For too long in the operation of America's railroad," the Democratic Senate contender charged, "the interests of the public have taken a back seat to the interests of railroad stockholders."

"Almost every nation in the world already has government railroad systems. In general, these systems maintain extremely low fares, and the kind of effective passenger service that has been unkown in this country for many years. There is no excuse for this great nation to continue lagging far behind the rest of the world in providing decent and low cost rail service for its citizens."

"In the future," he said, "America's railroads must be operated with one goal and only one goal: providing the public with the service it needs."

Duffey, 38, is seeking Connecticut's Democratic Senate nomination in a primary to be held Wednesday, August 19.

Roger W. Everson, Director of the Hill Neighborhood Corp., was among the 22 graduates who were recently honored at ceremonies marking the completion of the New Haven College Developmental Program for the Non-Professional in Community Service. Everson, second from the left, receives a handshake of congratulations from NHC Vice President Allen C. Hutchinson. Also pictured are, on the left, Norman J. Taylor, main speaker and Executive Secretary of the Community Council of Greater New Haven, and Nathan Hamilton, member of the NHC Board of Governors, on the right.



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which give Washington, D.C. the image of the seat of corruption and public abuse. Dozens of Congressmen have toured the world on "fact finding missions". Most have made for the fleshpots of Europe and Asia, and they draw freely on embassy cash reserves fro extended nights "on the town".

It is an open secret that many Congressmen represent special interest groups. The oil, peanut, and other agricultural products are a good example.

There are too many examples of wrong-doings and corruption in Washington to examine thoroughly here. However, I don't want to give the impression that EVERY Congressman is corrupt. Surely, there are many honest and public minded men in Washington. But the caricature of the luxury loving, free spending, fat and corrupt scoundrel fits too many men who are responsible for running this country. I don't think American citizens should allow the decadence that was Rome infect the nation too long.

As long as private interest and pleasure are put before the welfare of the American people, brothers like the Panthers are perfectly justified in telling many politicians exactly what they are .... PIGS.

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# Vaughn Captures First Prize Here

Monroe "Skip" Vaughn, a young New Haven photographer, captured first prize of $100 and second prize of $50 in the black and white division of the competitive photography exhibition sponsored by the New Haven Festival of Arts, it was announced recently by Thayer Baldwin Jr., chairman.

Vaughn's winning photos were both portraits, done in a modern vein with subtle light play and high contrast. Juanita Goodwin, Commercial Artist for the Crow, was the subject of one of the portraits.

Other honorable mention awards included one to Jesse Brunson, photographer for the Crow Newspaper.

Over 100 area photographers submitted entries for the Festival of Arts contest. Judges for the event were Allan Schwartz, photography instructor at Lee High School, and Donald Koletsky, photography instructor at Hillhouse High School. Gregory Cahn was chairman of the photography exhibit.

# Black Ensemble Returns From Tour Of Ohio Colleges

Fifteen members of the Yale Black Ensemble Company left last Wednesday, July 22 for a production tour of two Ohio Colleges. Walter Dallas, the Company's Director, said that the tour consisted of engagements at Central College in Xenia and at Antioch Colleges in Yellow Springs. The former performance was sponsored by the Upward Bound Program, while the latter was sponsored by the Antioch Drama Department.

The Company performed a wide array of dramatic works including "How Do You Do?" by Ed Bullins, "Sister Son/ji" by Sonia Sanchez, "The First Militant Minister" by Ben Caldwell and "Noctune on the Rhine" by Ronald Drayton. New Poetry was recited, that of known poets and works of members in the company. Workshop productions of "Come and Go"--- based on Becket's Come and Go---and "Light" a short play by Walter Dallas were also performed.

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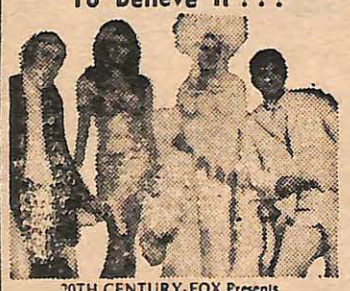

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# Ossie Davis Bows As Film Director

With Samuel Goldwyn, Jr.'s presentation of the suspense comedy "Cotton Comes to Harlem" one of the biggest names in, on and off Broadway writing, acting and producting steps into motion picture direction in a start which many are hailing as auspicious.

The name belongs to Ossie Davis and his first offering, starring Godfrey Cambridge, Raymond St. Jacques and Calvin Lockhart is now at the Loew's College Theatre as a major attraction in color by De-Luxe from United Artists, entainment subsidiary of the Transamerica Corporation.

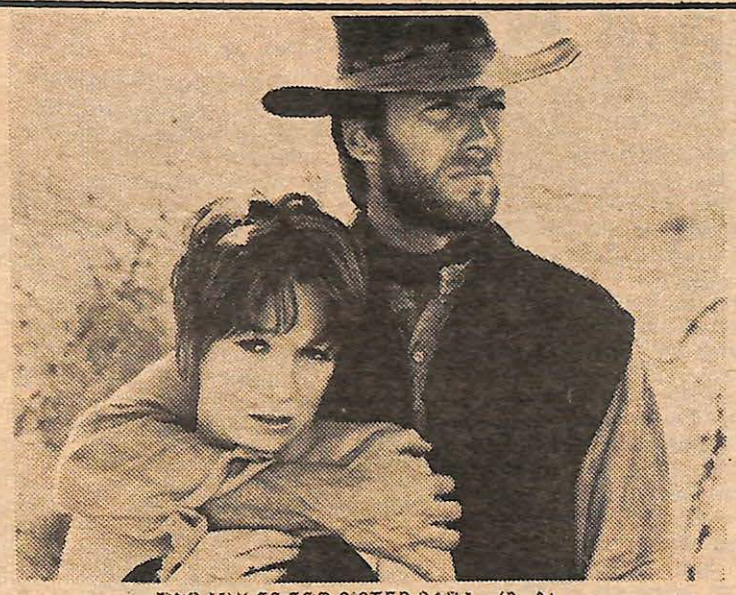
Tale is from the highly successful Chester Himes novel and was filmed in its entirely in New York's Harlem.

While he has appeared in such motion pictures as "The Scalphunters" "The Hall" and "Sam Whiskey," Davis has been more closely indentified with the stage.

Davis and Ruby Dee, with whom he starred in "Anna Lucasta," were married and he added considerably to their fame when he wrote and both appeared in "Purlie Victorious." It is currently a musical, "Purlie," packing them in on Broadway.

Being black himself, Davis knows his Harlem. And knowing the black entertainment world as thoroughly as he does he was able to pick for the many and varied roles in "Cotton Comes to Harlem."

"Cotton Comes To Harlem" is breaking all records at the Loew's College Theatre here in New Haven.



TWO MULES FOR SISTER SARA (2-A)

Clint Eastwood rescues Shirley MacLaine from a group of would-be rapists while he is on his way to join up with forces supporting Juarez in the Mexican Revolt against French occupation in Martin Rackin's exciting production, "Two Mules For Sister Sara," a Universal picture photographed in Technicolor and Panavision.

# B & P Clubs Participate In District Conference

The Bridgeport Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women was the host of the Twelfth Annual Northeast District Conference in June.

Several women from New Haven were featured on the three day program. Miss Grace P. Petteway of Orchard Street is District Governor for the group. In commenting on the theme, "The Changing Role of Business and Professional Women", she said, "Let us accept the challenge.

The June 26th opening session at the Stratfield Motor Inn included a seminar on B and P Cords. Mrs. Marilyn Price, former president of the Young Adult Chapter here in New Haven, talked on planning.

On Saturday, Miss Petteway presented the president's report on Saturday. A panel discussion which followed included Mrs. Barbara Winters, Editor of the Crow Newspaper. Mrs. Winters remarked on reporting and record keeping.

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# Openings

Mrs. Chris Levi, Director of the Summer '70 Program at College Woods-East Rock Park, has annoounced that there ate still a few openings for interested young people.

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Nature study, Thursday, 9-11 a.m.;
Arts and Crafts, Mon., Wed., Fri., 1-3:30; and
Noon story hour, Mon., Wed., Fri.

Special activities with fees include: Folk dancing, Wed., 9-10 a.m.; and Afro-Cuban Drummaking and playing, Tues., 4:30-6.

For further information call Mrs. Levi at 865-2941 or report to the corner of Orange and Cold Spring streets any weekday.

# Dionne Warwick Receives Award, Finals For Miss Americolor Held

The internationally famous Miss Dionne Warwick received an award for her outstanding accomplishments in the field of performing arts. This award was presented to her by Harold E. Carter, National Producer at the Annual Miss Americolor Beauty & Talent Pageant, which was held Saturday July 25, at the Essex House in New York City. Carter stated, "It is a great honor to give an award to such an outstanding lady as Miss Warwick."

Several Connecticut young women competed for the title.

Since her recording of "Don't Make Me Over', Miss Warwick has become internationally recognized as a unique and extremely gifted artist. In 1964, she was voted as the Most Popular female vocalist by the National Assiciation of Record Merchandisers. In 1968, she earned a Gold Record for I Say A Little Prayer" and "Theme From The Valley Of The Dolls'. In February 1970, Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Cub honored Dionne by voting her, "Woman of The Year". She is the first singer in the 20 year history of the club to have ever won this In addition, Yolanda "Yoki" Denise King, the daughter of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received an award for her mother. The award is an attribute to Mrs. King for her gallantry in persuing the ideals of her husband, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## TRIBUTE TO A QUEEN

BY DAN TILLEY

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## 'COTTON'

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to get a good role (and it) for your first big starring role, but what is better is that he plays the part so well.

The other headliner is Judy Pace (the girlfriend) who you'll remember from Peyton Place. She plays the part and that's about all. Her whole approach to acting turns me off. I personally think someone with more talent and more eyes in the right place could have done a better job. Now, in case your wondering who just think-I'm sure you'll come up with somebody.

Finally, some note should be made for Ossie Davis and Arnold Perl who wrote the screen play. They did a beautiful job. It's so natural and believeable. That is, of course, because they put the flick in a black context, instead of a white one.

I enjoyed every laugh filled minute of the adventures of Gravedigger Jones and Coffin Ed Johnson Cambridge and St. Jacques respectively.

I sincerely hope that every black person who sees the film enjoys it as I did. I don't see how you can't.

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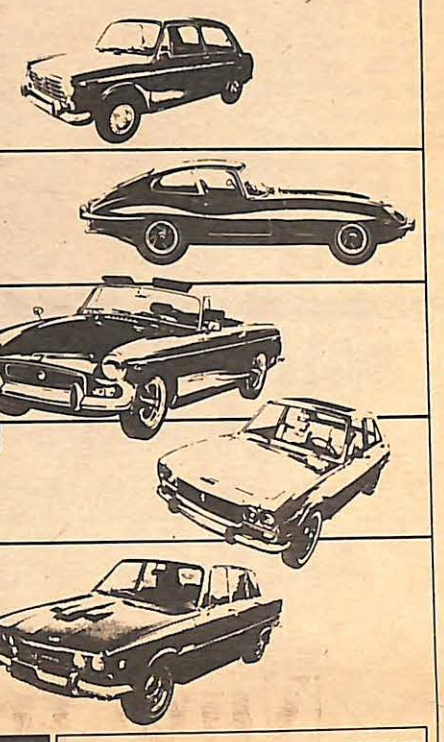

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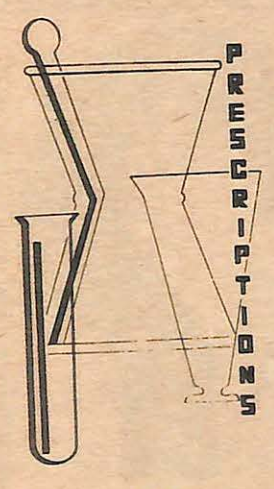


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# Walk Out Of Delegates Marks Main Objections

National Urban League staff member played a key role in the walkout of black delegates that took place in the First National Congress on Optimum Population and Enviornment.

In walking out on the meeting of the Congress in Chicago, the black delegates accused the organization of only giving "lip service" to the problems of black people and challenged it to "get in tune with its black delegates."

Charging that the board of directors of the Congress did not include a single black person and that the agenda and speakers failed to present the black view, the dissidents established a black caucus, with Felton Alexander, assistant director of the Urban League's Southern Regional Office, acting as chairman.

The forty-five black delegates who walked out called for a reconvening of the Population Congress to work out a program that would reflect input from the nonwhite community as well as from the white community.

In addition to Alexander, Urban League staff members at the meeting included: Mrs. Nina Horry, director of the League's Family Planning Project; Clarence Wood, assistant director Mideastern Regional Office; Mrs. Juanita Dudley, assistant director, Western Regional Office. Mario Baeza, a Cornell University student who is a member of the League's National Board of Trustees, also was a delegate.

A statement adopted by the forty - five black delegates charged that the convenors of the Congress failed to include, during the planning stages, significant black input that reflected the interest of black people.

"It must be understood," the statement said in part, "that there can be no integrity for, or credibility in, any group which possesses solutions that would effect all, but are conceived by some."

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UNTIL I GET MY NEXT ISSUE OF THE CROW

Barbara Winters, Editor of the Crow Newspaper, shows youngsters from the Lincoln Bassett Head Start Program "the magic machine". The children stopped at the Crow Office for a quick look at the newspaper business.

# Southern Conn. Health Planning Project Okayed

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) this week announced approval of the designation of South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Health Planning, Inc. (CHP) as the health planning agency for the 20-town south central Connecticut health service area, starting June 1 this year. The agency's five-year operational plan and $75,660 for the first year of its operation were also approved.

CHP is the only designated comprehensive health planning agency in Connecticut. A counterpart program in the Capitol region does not expect to receive official designation until Sept.

CHP was incorporated as an independent body this Feb. after a development period of almost two years under the sponsorship of the Community Council of Greater New Haven.

The region for which CHP will do health planning is made up of Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, Orange, Oxford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge, an area of more than half a million people.

Under Federal guidelines and by authorization of the Connecticut State Department of Health, CHP is recruiting a membership of both health service providers and users who will help create and carryout a regional plan for improving health and health services and conditions within south central Connecticut.


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# Program Set To Receive Problems From Local Citizens' For Solution

The Neighborhood Action Center at 96-A Howe Street has been accredited with clearing up several hundred problems for New Haveners in the past week. The staff includes (left to right) Annette Sands, Lisa Long, Paul Capra, Ken Thompson and Barbara Shellenbarger.

The New Haven Neighborhood Action Program and its Center at 96-A Howe Street are sponsored by Connecticut Action Now, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization committed to the involvement of citizens in social and environmental change.

The Program's principal function will be to provide area residents with an immediate and thorough referral service whereby complaints and requests can be channeled to the appropriate civic, community, or official agency. The Center will also provide an early warning device whereby local officials and groups of concerned citizens will be able to discover directly and at first hand those day-to-day issues which are of the greatest concern to the residents of the core city.

As of June 1, 1970, the director of the Program is Paul Capra. The former assistant director of admissions for systems and research at Yale University has assumed the major responsibility for establishing the Center, assembling its staff, and developing its programs. Capra made an unsuccessful bid for the Mayor's seat in New Haven in 1969.

The current assistant director is Mrs. Lisa Long who is assisted by two full fime staff members.

The Center is located at: 96 -A Howe Street, New Haven, 624-0141.

The principal function of the Center is to operate in coordination with local radio and television stations an "action" telephone line whereby local residents will be able to call into the Center with any problems or questions they have about such areas as

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# Problems

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housing, transportaion, consumer protection, legal aid, medical aid, financial counseling, trash collection, and general city services.

The Center in turn will refer these calls to the appropriate civic, community, or city agency and then follow up the service on the complaint to see that the problem has been adequately solved, according to Mr. Capra.

Capra explained that because the Center was privately funded by Connecticut Action Now, the Center would not be encumbered by "the usual red tape and restrictions of most federal and state agencies." We're in the business of getting things done, . . .not sending people through a maze of bureaucratic channels and red tape. We intend to get answers to real and immediate problems as quickly as possible and then to follow up to see that the problem has, in fact, been solved.

Capra said earlier that "the Neighborhood Action Center is essentially a clearing house of general resource information designed to answer immediate human needs." In order to facilitate the "action" telephone line program, Capra said that "a wide guage resource directory" has been developed by his staff over the last two months which "can give details of available help in New Haven."

He added that he hoped a number of other programs would also be developed by the Neighborhood Action Center in coordination with Connecticut Action Now. "We have begun to work in the field of drug information, child day-care, minority business development, and neighborhood clean up. In each case, we have isolated a need, defined it to a manageable size and are calling on available resources to meet the need," he said.

He ended his statement by saying, "It is our contention that we in New Haven can do a lot more for ourselves, if we look for new and imaginative methods to answer the immediate needs."

The Center is presently open from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 p.m. during the week, but Capra said that as the programs of the Center begin to expand and with the help of additional staff, the hours would probably be extended to include nights and weekends.

# Color Adds Accent Marks At Office SNET Employment

TESTING, 1, 2, 3, . . . Millicent Bowens, employment test administrator, monitors the control panel for the new electronically-timed test desks in Southern New England Telephone's new centralized employment office at 153 College Street, New Haven.

Take a splash of Piccasso red and orange; add enough electronic gadgetry to make James Bond turn green and what do you have? Southern New England Telephone's new employment office.

SNET's general employment, college recruiting, technical employment groups and the transfer bureau have set up shop in a new, central location at 153 College Street Street. The move provides more space greater efficiency and consolidates the functions of the four offices preiously located at 227 Church and 300 George Streets.

Featured in the new office are office landscaping and new electronic testing desks, office landscaping, developed in Germany, is based on the premise that the layout and furnishings of an office should be as pleasant and conducive to work as possible.

"We are using," says employment manager Wink Langston, "accoustically - treated free-standing dividers to replace walled cubicles. Wooden furniture, brightly colored draperies, carpeting and potted plants create an air of spaciousness. The dividers, draperies and carpeting all sport a modern red and organ motif.

"Besides the aesthetic advantages, "says Langston, "this arrangement is easier to work in, less expensive and more flexible than traditional layouts when it comes to moving or adding people."

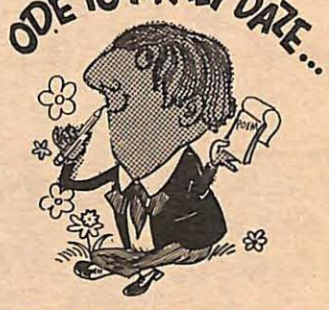
Nine new electronic desks in the new College Street office speed up the application process. Questions, printed on transparencies, are projected through a glass panel in the desk top. Applicants write their answers on a separate answer sheet.

Since testing is electronically timed from a control board outside the test room, differenly timed tests can be given at different desks simultaneously. A sound-proof typing test room is also available. A practice helps familiarize job candidates with the equipment.

"Only two other companies in the Bell Sustem use these electronic desks," Langston says. "We'll introduce them soon in our larger employment offices in Hartford and Bridgeport."

Office hours in the new office will remain the same, from 8:30 am to 5 pm daily.

Employment services will also remain at the Charles St. Phone Store (Charles St. at Dixwell Ave.).

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